THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) A proposal to this effect has been recently received from one of the Hon'ble Members and is engaging the attention of the Government.

Production capacity to manufacture Scooters by M/s Bajaj Auto Ltd.

215. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s Bajaj Auto Lt has sought expansion of their two wheeler and three-wheeler production capacity to. meet the export and indigenous demands;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion sought ; and

P" (c) what steps have bsen taken by that Company to contain the cost price of the vehicles and to make them fuel efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Company has been manufacturing fuel efficient scooters and has been able to contain the cost price within reasonable limits through better productivity of men and machines, R&D, effective inventory control etc.

Bilateral Assistance for Hydro-Electric and Thermal Power Projects

216. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether some countries have offered bilateral assistance to take up hydro-electric and thermal power projects ; and

(b) if so, in respect of which projects such aid is solicited and the details of the aid fourthcoming, country-wise and projet-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Some broad offers have been received from coan-tries including Austria, Belgium Brazil, Canada, France, FRG, GDR, Italy, Japan, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, U.K. and USSR expressing their interest for participation of power projects in India hy way of supp'v of power equipment Or installation of power projects on turn-key basis with possibilities of financing through Government credit/ suppliers credit/commercial loans. These offersare not always for specific projects and some of them are preliminary in nature.

Self-sufficiency in Oil

217. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) how far the country has come closer to the goal in sslf-sufficiency